

Introduction

The Second International Symposium on Peritoneal Dialysis was held in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany, June 16–19, 1981. Those authors who were selected to give oral presentations at the meeting were also invited to submit full-length manuscripts to be considered for inclusion in this Symposium issue of *Kidney International*. The Guest Editors reviewed all of the submitted manuscripts and have selected those contained herein.

To enhance the scope of this Symposium issue, several authors were also invited to submit manuscripts that were not presented at the Berlin meeting. These include the “Analysis of CAPD growth and development in the United States, Australia, and Europe,” by Drs. Nolph, Boen, Farrell, and Pyle, and the paper of “Solution composition” by Drs. Miller, Nolph, Sorkin, and Gloor.

There is an increasing interest in peritoneal dialysis. It is the hope of the Guest Editors that these papers will familiarize the readers of *Kidney International* with some of the areas that are receiving active and current investigation.

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